IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.K.BASHEER

THURSDAY, THE 24TH MAY 2007 / 3RD JYAISHTA 1929

WP(C).No. 15428 of 2007(J)

PETITIONER:

LEELA.M.P., HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL
TEACHER (ECONOMICS), GOVT. MODEL H.S.S.,
MUVATTUPUZHA.

BY ADV. SRI.P.SANTHALINGAM
SMT.K.USHA

RESPONDENTS:

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1. THE DIRECTOR, HIGHER SECONDARY
EDUCATION, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE STATE OF KERALA, REP. BY
SECRETARY, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY GOVT.PLEADER SRI.A.J.VARTHESE

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 24/05/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

A.K. Basheer, J.

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Dated this the 24th day of May, 2007.

J U D G M E N T

Grievance of the petitioner who is now working as a Higher secondary School Teacher in a Government school is that her total length of service of 19 years and 6 months is overlooked while considering her eligibility for promotion as Principal. To be specific, petitioner's heartburn appears to be that the service rendered by her as an Upper Primary School Assistant from July 9, 1987 till her promotion as High School Assistant in the year 1996 is being ignored while reckoning the eligible period of service. I do not propose to deal with the above and other contentions raised by the petitioner at this stage, in view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner at the Bar. She submits that petitioner would be satisfied if an appropriate direction is issued to respondent No.1 to take a decision on Ext.P3 representation in which petitioner is stated to have highlighted all her grievances.

2. Learned Government Pleader submits that if Ext.P3 has been preferred as contended by the petitioner an appropriate decision thereon will be taken without any delay.

In the above facts and circumstances the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1 to consider and pass orders on Ext.P3 strictly on its merit and in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible at any rate within two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment. Respondent No.1 shall ensure that petitioner and all others who are likely to be affected by the order that may be passed are afforded sufficient opportunity to be heard before any decision is taken in the matter.

A.K. Basheer
Judge.

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